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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of the Application
regarding the Conversion and
Acquisition of Control of Premera Blue
Cross and its Affiliates

Docket No. G02-45
TWENTY-SECOND ORDER:
CHANGED NOTICE OF BRIEFING
SCHEDULE AND HEARING DATE

In my Twenty-First Order, I directed Premera and the OIC Staff to file briefs by December 11, 2003 responding to the issues raised by the Interveners' Motion for an Emergency Hearing and scheduled a hearing on those issues for December 15. That same day, Premera and the OIC Staff filed briefs addressing the issues raised in the Interveners' Motion.

In view of the potential impact of the issues raised by the briefs on the looming deadlines in the general case schedule, the parties have requested shortened time for this hearing. Therefore, Premera and OIC Staff shall have until close of business today, December 8, to file briefs, which they shall serve on each other but not on interveners until 9:00am tomorrow, December 9, 2003. Interveners shall have until 9:00am December 9 to file their brief.

A hearing on the issues raised by the briefs will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 in the City of Tumwater Council Chambers Conference Room, 555 Israel Rd SW, Tumwater, WA 98501, beginning at 2:00pm.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 8th day of December, 2003.

MIKE KREIDLER
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER